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FOLLOWING REPEAT DJIBOUTI 0097 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO
ADDIS ABABA CAIRO DAR ES SALAAM MOGADISCIO MOSCOW NAIROBI
PARIS JIDDA SANA USMISSION USUN NY 02 JUNE.

QUOTE: UNCLAS DJIBOUTI 0097

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TAGS: PFOR PINT FT ET

SUBJ: ATTACK ON DJIBOUTI/ADDIS RAILWAY LINE: LOCAL REACTIONS

1. SUCCESSFUL ATTACK ON DJIBOUTI/ADDIS RAILWAY AT POINT EAST
OF DIRE DAWA PROVOKED STRONG REACTION IN DJIBOUTI. MOST PEOPLE
CONSIDER ATTACK PART OF OVERALL INTERDICTION EFFORT DESIGNED TO
HALT MOUNTING FLOW OF SOVIET ARMS INTO ETHIOPIA AND MAY REPRE-
SENT CLEAR INDICATION OF COORDINATED EFFORTS BETZEEN GROUPS IN
SOMAILIA, ERITREA AND SUDAN WHICH ARE IN OPPOSITION TO ETHIOPIAN
GOVERNMENT. DJIBOUTI IS MAIN PORT OF ENTRY FOR ETHIOPIAN POL
SUPPLIES.

2. WHATEVER THE DAMAGE MAY BE TO THE RAILWAY, (SEE BELOW),
THE INCIDENT REINFORCES LOCAL SUSPICION THAT AMIDST GROWING
TENSIONS IN THE HORN, INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF DJIBOUTI ARE OF
MINOR CONSEQUENCE IN SCHEMES OF CERTAIN NEIGHBORS. AMONG LOCAL
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PEOPLE REPRESENTING VARIOUS ETHNIC GROUPS WITH WHOM POST HAS
DISCUSSED LATEST DEVELOPMENT, THERE IS A STRONG GENERAL DESIRE
TO MAINTAIN DJIBOUTI'S INDEPENDENCE AND NEUTRALITY IN FACE OF
OUTSIDE PRESSURES.

3. UNCONFIRMED TRAVELERS' REPORTS INDICATE THAT MAJOR BRIDGES
BETWEEN CHENELE AND HARROUAH AND BETWEEN MELLO AND ADIGALA WERE

SUBSTANTIALLY DAMAGED IN ATTACKS. ANOTHER UNCONFIRMED REPORT STATES BOMBINGS OF CONTROL TOWER AND IN MILITARY ZONE AT DIRE DAWA AIRPORT CAUSED CLOSURE AIRPORT OPERATIONS.

4. CLOSEDOWN OF RAILWAY HAS CAUSED PRICES OF FRESH FRUITS, VEGETABLES, POULTRY AND EGGS, MOST OF WHICH COME FROM DIRE DAWA TO THE LOCAL MARKET THREE TIMES A WEEK, TO DOUBLE IN LESS THAN 24 HOURS.

5. POST WOULD APPRECIATE UNCLASSIFIED DESCRIPTION OF LOCAL REACTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM SURROUNDING POSTS. CLARKE UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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